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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ARAB/ISRAELI FIGHTING

1. HEADLINE PROMINENCE GIVEN STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF BY UP IN MADRID IN WHICH HE QUOTED SAYING MILITARY SUPPLIED BEING SENT TO ISRAEL ARE SO HUGE AS TO "EXCEED THE NEEDS OF A STATE TEN TIME THE SIZE OF ISRAEL." STORY ALSO REPORTED THAT SAQQAF TOLD JOURNALISTS ARAB STATES WOULD NOT STOP SUPPLYING OIL TO SAPIN "IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM."

2. OTHER HEADLINES: CAPTURED ISRAELI PILOTS ADMITS EK,# PHANTOMS ARRIVED TO ENEMY WITH THEIR AMERICAN PILOTS - EGYPTIAN FORCES CONTINUE TO CLASH VIOLENTLY WITH ENEMY ELEMENTS INFILTRATING THE WEST BANK.

3. NO MENTION PRESIDENT'S REQUESTING CONGRESS FOR 2.2 BILLION DOLLARS EMERGENCY SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.

4. OF TWO PAPERS PUBLISHED TODAY ONLY AL NADWA CARRIED COMMENTARY UNDER TITLE THE ENEMIES OF THE ARABS ARE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ENEMIES OF PEACE. PAPER CONCLUDED: "THE ARABS, WHO

ARE USING ALL THEIR MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
POTENTIALITIES IN THE BATTLE, CANNOT FORGIVE ANY PARTY
EXTENDING HANDS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE ENEMY. TODAY, AS
THE ARABS SCRUTINIZE THE STANDS OF THEIR FRIENDS AND
ENEMIES, IT WILL BE REVEALED TO THEM AND TO THE WORLD
TMBSE WOQO ARE KEEN TO ESTABLISH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND A
JUST PEACE TIED TO THE ATTAINMENT OF ALL PEOPLES OF
THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, AND THOSE WHO ARE PRETENDERS
AND WARMONGERS."

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